

**Families First in Numbers**  
**Updated Information from March 2005**

Current number of Assistance Groups: 71,725

Current number of adults: 54,813

Current number of children: 135,502

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,282

Closures in March:

total closures: 4,225

closures for 18 month time limits: 197

closures for sanctions: 828 (ask Kerry)

work-related sanctions: 783

other sanctions: 44

closures for employment: 1,088

Time limit closures since Families First started: 10,976

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,346

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$658.61

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.16

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.